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Editorial Page

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The Fading Blossom Festival

Following the lead of the Benton Harbor city commission, the St. Joseph and the Benton township fathers cancelled their subscriptions to Blossomtime, Inc. Other local governmental units whose donations, together with the first three mentioned have provided the financial flooring, are expected to adopt the same position.

Faced by this loss of 40 per cent of its budget, the Blossomtime directors announced last Friday the Festival would skip next year, and, maybe, pick up again in '72.

The Benton Harbor decision is fully understandable. The city hall coffers are and have been on a Skid Row level for some time and predictably could drop even further.

The neighboring units, though not as hard pressed as the sister city, are not rolling in wealth, and the constituents in every one of them are grumbling about their December tax bills.

Any pause to catch one's breath in that chilly climate is difficult to argue against.

Pinched treasuries aside, we assume these various commission and board members are also motivated by their own informal soundings among their constituents and have read a message which says the area will not fall apart if the Festival walks the plank.

A glance at the Festival's history and an examination into today's conditions fortifies our long held view that a revival of the Festival should be cast in a different mold.

It traces its background in a

Lunar Litter

The Russians have put an unmanned car on the moon. It's called the Lunokhod. The word has about as much linguistic grace as sputnik, but putting it up there and getting it to move around is quite an accomplishment.

The eight-wheeled vehicle is expected, on command from earth, to carry out scientific investigations.

Indications are that the Russians don't plan to bring it back. The United States, too, is readying moon cars to accompany future manned flights, and they'll probably be left behind, too.

With the litter strewn about by Apollo astronauts and other moon probes, the lunar surface must be becoming more like earth's every day. In fact, abandoned cars might some day turn out to be a lunar problem, too.

Exercise In Futility

Seldom has the intransigence of the communist representatives at the Paris peace conference been more vividly demonstrated than at recent sessions.

By rejecting the latest allied offer for immediate discussion of a prisoner exchange and by reiterating their own unacceptable preconditions to any moves toward a settlement, Hanoi and the Viet Cong again underscored their total lack of interest in meaningful negotiation.

To be sure, the Viet Cong's Mrs. Binh repeated an offer to discuss release of prisoners in return for a pledge that American and other foreign forces would be unilaterally withdrawn from South Vietnam by next June. But, as usual, there was no mention of North Vietnamese troops in the south.

Mrs. Binh did break a bit of new ground when she stated that the Viet Cong's previous pledge not to attack withdrawing American troops could be expanded into a general cease-fire that would proscribe action against South Vietnamese forces as well.

The only hitch: that Saigon's present government be disbanded and the way cleared for the provisional coalition regime sought by the communists.

It thus is more clear than ever, in the wake of continued fruitless meetings in Paris, that Hanoi and the Viet Cong desire neither a cease fire nor a prisoner exchange, except insofar as one or the other might further their military and political goals. The other side's strategy evidently is to wait, in the hope that a unilateral American withdrawal will open the way for communist control of Vietnam.

For the United States, the only viable course is to proceed with the orderly withdrawal of its forces and to attempt, through the Vietnamization program, to ensure a degree of strength and stability in Saigon. A negotiated settlement would ve vastly preferable.

So long as communist attitudes persist, the Paris peace conference seems destined to remain an exercise in futility.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

**NAMED BY CHAMBER**  
—1 Year Ago—  
Robert LaPrad has been appointed assistant manager of the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, according to Roger H. Curry, executive vice president of the Chamber. LaPrad will assume the position previously held by Dennis Donovan, who is now chief executive of the Greater Monroe Chamber of Commerce.

**SHORE GETS 15 MORE LOTS**  
—10 Years Ago—  
Owners of 15 lots will receive notice in the next few days that their homes have been annexed to the village of Shoreham.

**SERVES PULPIT**  
—10 Years Ago—  
Carl E. Haterius of Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Ill., is serving as pastor of Saron Lutheran church here during the holidays.

**ON VACATION**  
—50 Years Ago—  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kissau have gone to Oak Park, Ill., to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. William Ahlsvedge.

**NEW OPERATOR**  
—60 Years Ago—  
Miss Pearl Teft has resigned her position as local operator for the Michigan State telephone company and the vacancy will be filled by Miss Anna Muschott of Benton Harbor.

**SELLS STORE**  
—80 Years Ago—  
Charles Miller has sold to Mollhagen & Freitag the store occupied by them on Main street.

**URGED TO RID SELF OF DICTATOR**  
—30 Years Ago—  
Prime Minister Winston Churchill broadcasted an appeal to the Italian people tonight to rid themselves of Premier Mussolini and threatened to rip Italy's African empire to shreds and tatters if they continue the war.

**War between Britain and Italy came about "because of one man" and the people of Italy and the Italian army were never consulted, Churchill said.**

**WILLIAM RITT**  
*You're Telling Me!*

This just happens to be the 57th anniversary — Dec. 23, 1913 — when the congressional act creating the U.S. Federal Reserve System became law. It's doubtful that many folk realize this — and you can bank on that!

Porcupines are blamed for chewing up \$2,000 worth of directional signs in an Oregon national forest. Just like, to eat other's words?

The British National Coal Board considered a plan to give trading stamps to miners to cut absenteeism — apparently a sticky situation.

In England a housewife complained a can labelled as hair spray turned out to contain insect repellent. Enough to drive anyone bugs!

A European paid \$480 at a charity auction for a sweater once worn by a star soccer player. Let's hope he gets a kick out of owning it.

Zadok Dumkopf says he hopes his luck changes this season. For 10 straight years, just as he finished trimming it, the family Christmas tree fell over.

**THE ANSWER QUICK!**  
1 — What was Leon Trotsky's real name?  
2 — Who was Sir William Osler?  
3 — Of what three elements is sugar composed?  
4 — Over what gates was inscribed, "All hope abandon, ye who enter here?"  
5 — Who nailed a list of arguments to a church door on a famous occasion?

**WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE**  
**REPRISAL** — (ri-PRY-zel) — noun; the infliction of similar or severe injury on the enemy in warfare; retaliation.

**YOUR FUTURE**  
Your present cycle of good fortune still continues this year. Today's child will have splendid health.

**IT'S BEEN SAID**  
Experience teaches. — Tacitus.

**IT HAPPENED TODAY**  
On this day in 1907 the first all-steel passenger railroad coach car was completed in Altoona, Pa.

**BORN TODAY**  
Connie Mack, born Cornelius MacGillicuddy, was synonymous with baseball and the Philadelphia Athletics.

The game first came to know him in 1884 when, as a lanky young catcher, he joined the Meriden League. He jumped to Hartford and was sold to Washington of National League.

Mack was with Pittsburgh and in 1894 was appointed manager of Pittsburgh. When the Pirates finished sixth in 1896 he was fired.

At 34 he was considered washed up and would have faded into obscurity had not Ban Johnson, head of the league, brought him out of "retirement" and set him up as manager of the Milwaukee Club.

Johnson sent Mack to Philadelphia in the newly named American League to raise money for a ball park and find a club. With \$500 in his pocket, Mack induced Nap Lajoie, the Phillies' greatest star, to jump to the new club. One of his young pitchers was Eddie Plank, who is now in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Strengthened by the addition of Elmer Flick and Monte Cross, the A's won first of many pennants in 1902.

In June of 1902 Mack recalled Rube Waddell, who had pitched for him in Milwaukee. Waddell had also played for a pro grid team run by Mack.

Nine times he led his A's to pennants and five times to world titles. Among his players were Stuffy McInnis, Eddie Collins, Frank (Home Run) Baker, Mickey Cochrane, Lefty Grove, Al Simmons, Jimmy Fox.

Others born today include Jose Greco and Ruth Roman.

**HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?**  
1 — Leib Bronstein.  
2 — A famous surgeon.  
3 — Carbon, hydrogen and oxygen.  
4 — Over the gates of Hell in Dante's "Inferno."  
5 — Martin Luther at Wittenberg.

HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — Democratic Party liberals — who are rallying behind Maine's Sen. Edmund Muskie — may be rather surprised with his political posture when he first ran for the Senate in 1958.

Running against a Republican incumbent in a generally Republican state, Muskie blasted the Eisenhower administration for allowing the nation's military strength to fall from 1.1 million to 870,000 men.

He accused the GOP of foolishly whacking the defense budget and therefore allowing the Soviet Union to wipe out America's lead in missile weaponry.

Attacking his GOP opponent because "he feels hesitant to suggest something needs to be done to strengthen our foreign program," Muskie declared, "I am interested in recognizing, factually, the threat of Communism abroad."

Turning up these glimpses from Muskie's past is "Human Events" Capitol Hill Editor Allan Ryskind, who is in the early stages of research for a book on Muskie.

The probable publication date will be just four years after Ryskind authored another critical study of a Democratic presidential contender. That book, written in 1966, was "Hubert."

Ryskind has discovered another interesting quote from Muskie's first Senate campaign.

On the stump in Maine, Muskie angrily rejected what he called his opponent's attempt to "stamp me as some kind of undesirable ultra liberal, in a class with Senators Morse and Humphrey."

Today, of course, Muskie is courting McCarthyite liberals, not Maine Yankees. So he calls for cutbacks in the defense budget and harshly assails U.S. policy in Southeast Asia.

While Muskie is clearly the early favorite for the presidential nomination, South Dakota's Sen. George McGovern will be the first to enter the race.

The outspoken dove is said to be planning to make the announcement shortly after the first of the year.

McGovern's popularity ratings are nowhere near the level of Muskie's among Democratic Party pros, but his early entry into the race could prove troublesome for the Maine Democrat.

Some suspect that the McGovern campaign could prove to be a holding action on the part of the party's peacenik faction to prevent Muskie from locking up the nomination before '72.

The feeling among these political strategists is that McGovern probably could not gather enough votes to win the nomination. But by blocking Muskie he could pave the way for Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

DR. COLEMAN

.. And Speaking Of Your Health

If cirrhosis has once set in, can the liver ever again become normal? I have had a drinking problem, which is now controlled.

Mr. A. F., Okla.

Dear Mr. F.: Cirrhosis of the liver is a condition in which scar tissue forms and if it is extensive enough, impairs the important functions of this organ.

Alcoholism is one of the major causes of cirrhosis.

Unfortunately, cirrhosis of the liver may go undetected for many years and show few symptoms of poor liver function.

This may give the chronic drinker a false sense of security and make him believe that "it's not happening to me."

The liver is a remarkable organ and is really the chemical factory of the body. It is the clearing house for all poisons.

One of the great characteristics of the liver is that it can continue to function even after cirrhosis has set in.

It is not until a large part of the liver is handicapped that the body suffers from poor liver function.

The fact that you have stopped drinking is most important, because the likelihood is great that cirrhosis has not progressed since.

When any of the toxic causes of the cirrhosis are removed, the liver damage can usually be kept in check.

One of the great dangers of chronic alcoholism, however, is



JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 6  
♥ 8 3  
♦ 7 5 2  
♣ A J 9 5 3

**WEST**  
♠ 9 5 3  
♥ J 9 7 6 2  
♦ J 8 3  
♣ 7 6

**EAST**  
♠ 8 7 4 2  
♥ A Q 4  
♦ K 10 9  
♣ Q 10 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 10  
♥ K 10 5  
♦ A Q 6 4  
♣ K 8 4

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1NT Pass 3NT

Opening lead — six of hearts. Point count can frequently be used to uncover the best method of defense. For a simple example, consider East's play of the queen of hearts on the first trick.

Normally East would play the ace on the opening lead. This would be in line with the general principle of third hand high. He would continue with the queen, declarer ducking, and follow this with the four, which South would win with the king.

Observe that the effect of these plays is that declarer — after losing a club finesse to East's queen — winds up

making three notrump. His winners would consist of three spades, a heart, a diamond and four clubs.

But if East plays the queen at trick one, he is almost sure to beat the contract. South is forced to win the queen with the king, because he would naturally be afraid West had started with something like the A-J-x-x-x and that the defenders could grab five heart tricks right away.

As soon as South won with the king he would be a deceased pigeon. At most he could make eight tricks, however he played thereafter. If he tried the club finesse, East would take the queen and lead the ace and another heart to score five tricks for the defense.

Why should East vary from the usual procedure of third hand high? Because he can tell that South has the king of hearts and he wants declarer to win the trick.

The notrump bid showed 16 to 18 points. Since East sees 11 points in dummy and 11 points in his own hand, there are only 18 points for South and West to have.

It is therefore impossible for West to hold the king, for this would mean that South had only 15 points. But note that even if South had cheated by a point and lacked the king of hearts, the queen would win the opening lead.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

Bob Sylvester, quoting a Honolulu feather pillow manufacturer's beef that inflated costs have all but destroyed his business, observes sadly that now even down is up.

Sylvester, his ears always to the ground, also tells about the Egyptian belly dancer, moonlighting as an artist's model, who refused flatly to pose in the altogether. She insisted on wearing a veil over her face.

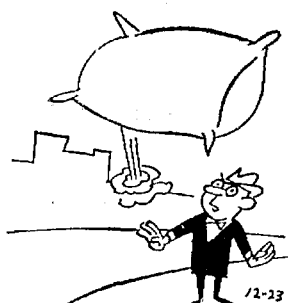
Current magazines and newspapers are full of stories and warnings about pollution of our air and waterways. Due credit should be given to E. B. White, however, because way back on May 16, 1959, he wrote in the New Yorker, "Because of the slaughter of the innocents continues here and abroad, the contamination of air, sea, and soil proceed apace, we will undertake to assemble bulletins henceforth tracing Man's progress in making the planet uninhabitable. This is Bulletin Number One."

Mr. White persisted with his crusade; too, and it was at his urging that Rachel Carson, in 1962, wrote her trail-blazing "Silent Spring." And now, maybe at long last, we're going to see some ACTION — before we all choke!

Barbra Strisand says the day she knew that she was on her way to fame and fortune was when she realized finally she no longer had to spoon out her melon clear down to the rind.

Benjamin is a Hebrew name meaning "son of the right hand."

Only woman to ever win both the Pulitzer and Nobel Prizes in literature is Mrs. Pearl S. Buck.



Factographs

Athens and Sparta were the Greek cities which fought the Peloponnesian Wars.

New Amsterdam was the earlier name for New York City.

Pine cones of the sugar pine are longer than 20 inches.

The word radar is derived from four words — radio detecting and ranging.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" may not be used in a song medley.

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## West Fairplain Group Wants In SJ Schools

### Battling To Save Property

Lincoln Twp.  
Pair Seek State  
Okay On Seawall

Two Lincoln township men with adjoining Lake Michigan property are seeking permission to build individual seawalls and restore the water-eroded beaches behind them.

They are Howard Harris, 3870 Charmil Lane, St. Joseph, and William G. Sorrells, 420 Lake Shore drive, Stevensville.

The effort is their answer to the erosion problem which has been troubling the lake shore for years. For the past couple of years the problem has become critical in areas between St. Joseph and Bridgman.

ON THEIR OWN  
The two men are proposing to pay for the project themselves, without calling for federal or state subsidization.

The requests were approved Dec. 10 by the Natural Resources commission in Lansing. The plan had already been approved by the commission's hydrological survey division.

Final approval must come from the state's administrative board, probably at the group's January meeting.

The properties are located about three miles south of St. Joseph in Lincoln township. The applications state that the property owners have experienced considerable erosion to their properties during the past two years of high water.

STEEL, CONCRETE  
They are asking permission to refill the beach area behind a combined steel and concrete seawall.

The work will be done by Spiedel Foundation and Marine Contractors, incorporated, St. Joseph. Their working plans have already been approved.

The owners hope the project can be completed before next spring's winds, and subsequent waves, trigger more damage to the bluffs and beach.

### Guilty Plea Is Entered In Burglary

A 22-year-old Benton Harborite pleaded guilty Tuesday in Berrien circuit court to a breaking and entering charge.

James Kenneth Baker, of 179 Bellview street, pleaded guilty before Judge Karl F. Zick to a charge of burglarizing Ron Iannelli's hardware at 2838 John Beers road, Lincoln township, on Sept. 21.

Baker was ordered jailed in lieu of \$1,500 bond until sentence.



**FIREMEN'S GIFT:** Robert Pymn, Jr., 5, man battery-operated dune buggy given him by firemen from Benton township station number three, while his brother, Billy, 3, looks on approvingly.

## Firemen Reward Benton Youngster

### Miniature Car Presented For Lesson Learned

By RALPH LUTZ  
Staff Writer

Keen interest and response to an important lesson learned last October produced an action-packed Christmas surprise for five-year-old Robert Pymn, Jr.

Robert and his brother, Billy, 3, were pajama-clad and comfortable in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pymn, Sr., 2090 Truman drive, Fairplain. It was 9 p.m. last Saturday.

Unaware that Santa Claus can assume many guises, the Pymns were surprised when a bright red fire truck pulled into the driveway.

On the truck were two firemen in familiar fire-fighting garb. The third, however, wore a bright red Santa suit. And, on the truck was a battery-charged, boy-size dune-buggy. The buggy was for young Robert.

Bearing the gift were members of Benton township's fire station number 3, Napier avenue: Lt. Larry Harris; volun-

teer Bob Corzine; and Richard Cantrell, the Santa.

It all began last October when township firemen observed fire prevention week that included an instruction session on safety at Robert's kindergarten class at Fairplain East school.

Robert not only learned his lesson, but displayed keen interest in a letter he personally wrote to the firemen.

"My name is Robert Pymn. I am five years old. I can help my firemen by telling my friends not to play with matches."

Robert signed his name to the letter and township firemen accustomed to unusual situations, now faced a "first."

Firemen said they had never received a letter like this. True to form, they handled the situation. Firemen purchased the dune buggy, just for Robert. What could be more fitting than a surprise presentation by wheeling up to the home in a fire truck?

### Petitions Are Being Circulated

Parents Tell  
Concern For  
Safety, Education

Petitions have been distributed calling for the transfer of part of Fairplain from Benton Harbor to St. Joseph school district.

The portion is the St. Joseph township sector of Fairplain, about two square miles between the St. Joseph river on the west and Colfax avenue on the east.

Paul Freudenberg, 1963 Elm Terrace, Fairplain, said petitions were distributed at a meeting Monday night with collection of signatures to start immediately.

#### EDUCATION, SAFETY

Freudenberg said he is working with groups of mothers concerned for the education and safety of their children. "These people do not want to move (their residences). All they want is education and safety for their children."

The St. Joseph township portion of Fairplain has been part of the Benton Harbor school district since consolidation of 1965. Last week, Benton Harbor high school was closed for two days as a result of racial tension that saw black students present nine issues concerning curriculum and teachers, and white students counter with four points on safety and discipline.

Suburban Fairplain is virtually all white. Enrollment of the Benton Harbor school district is 53.8 per cent black. St. Joseph school district is virtually all white.

Freudenberg said the petitions are for a polling of sentiments of residents and for ultimate presentation to the Berrien County Intermediate board of education which rules on transfers of property. He said each resident has a chance to express his own opinions.

No deadline has been set for the filing of petitions with the county board. Freudenberg said another meeting of residents will be called at a date to be specified later.

Doyle Barkmeier, county intermediate superintendent, said he has heard nothing official about a proposed transfer of west Fairplain from Benton Harbor to St. Joseph, but added "there are rumors."

#### RULES EXPLAINED

He explained the general rules for consideration of a transfer of property from one district to another:

The area must be contiguous to the district for which the transfer is petitioned. (A river like the St. Joseph would not be considered a barrier to contiguity.) Two-thirds of the resident property owners in the district to be transferred must sign the petition. Approval of the resident district (Benton Harbor) or the receiving district (St. Joseph) is not required, but is preferred.

If the area to be transferred comprises over 10 per cent of the state equalized valuation of the resident district, there must be a district-wide vote to release it. Fairplain in St. Joseph township mainly is residential and its equalized valuation is \$16.3 million. The Benton Harbor district's total is \$175 million.

West Fairplain residents favoring transfer to St. Joseph must feel they have precedent on their side. The State Board of Education last June overturned a ruling by the county Intermediate board and ordered transfer of the former Eaman district from Benton Harbor to Coloma. Benton Harbor contested the state ruling, but a final decision in October upheld the transfer.

#### TWO SCHOOLS

The state board then ordered Coloma to pay \$40,000 to Benton Harbor for Eaman school property. The west Fairplain part of St. Joseph township contains two elementary schools.

Freudenberg said the people of west Fairplain consistently have supported better education in their voting on financial issues in the Benton Harbor district.

Another Fairplain resident said the transfer proposal results from higher property taxes as much as disruptions at Benton Harbor high school. St.

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**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES:** The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El, Benton Harbor, is remembering patients at Kalamazoo State hospital with 35 baskets of treats for Christmas. Packing the gifts are

left to right) Mrs. Rose Grossman, Mrs. Arnold Badt, Mrs. Harold Alberts and Mrs. Robert Winters, Jr. (Staff photo)



**CHARLES JOSEPH**  
Good Fellow Chairman

### Allen Continues As Budget Man

LANSING (AP)—Gov. William Milliken has appointed Glenn S. Allen Jr., state budget director since January, 1968, as special counsel to the governor for legislative, legal and fiscal affairs. Allen will continue to have responsibility for preparation of the 1971-72 state budget and also will remain as secretary of the state administrative board.

## Newsie Chief Says People Generous

### Many Gave--But Coins Not Folding Money

Response of citizens to the Benton Harbor Good Fellows Newsie sale last Friday was not any, less, in terms of the number of people who gave, even though the total amount received in the sale was down somewhat from the previous year, according to Chairman Charles Joseph.

"There was real heavy participation by a generous public," Joseph said. "But there were many more this year who felt they could contribute coins, instead of bills they gave last year."

#### FLOOD OF SILVER

According to the sale chairman, the heavy flood of "silver" amounted to over one-third of the \$3,785.77 total raised by the sale. The total of coins was \$1,397.67, he reported. Quarters alone produced a total of \$1,079.50 for the Christmas fund.

Total returns from the sale this year were about \$1,200 below the \$5,035 received in

1969. Joseph said he felt indications that as many, or more, people bought the Newsie edition of The News-Palladium this year, suggested the spirit was as strong as ever. He said the economic situation along with the effects of inflation turned many of last year's dollar bills into coins this year.

#### LOOKING AHEAD

The chairman said that his close-up view of the operation of the Good Fellow program this year gave him an even fuller appreciation of how worthy the program is in this community. He said he was looking forward to taking part in the annual sale next Christmas season.

"I would like to thank all the people in the community who gave in the Good Fellows Newsie sale. And I would like to express my fullest appreciation to those who participated in the sale, particularly the guest newsmen."

## Multiple Listers Elect Beles



**FLORIAN BELES**

St. Joseph realtor Florian Beles has been re-elected president of Multiple Listing System of Southwestern Michigan.

Other officers for 1971 are: James Dillingham, vice president; Thomas Totzke, secretary-treasurer; Frank Hill, John Neumann and Walter Stefan, directors.

In accepting the post for a second one-year term, Beles said: "We're looking for a record sales year in 1971, and with the merger of the Multiple Listing System in the past year with the Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors, it should make way for a closely knit organization of real estate professionals who can do an excellent job of serving the Southwestern Michigan area."

The Multiple Listing System is a group of 28 real estate offices united for the exchange and sale of property in Berrien county. The Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors is a professional organization covering Cass, Van Buren and Berrien counties.

## Judge Tells BH Father To Pay Up

The Benton Harbor father of an illegitimate child on Aid to Dependent Children grants was ordered this week in Berrien circuit court to pay off a \$331.50 support arrearage. He must pay \$3.50 weekly on the overdue support when he returns to work, according to John Schoenhals, Berrien friend of the court.

Judge Karl F. Zick's order for John Murray also includes a \$6.50 weekly child support payment. The payments are to begin two weeks after Murray returns to work.

### Traffic Deaths

By The Associated Press  
Dec. 23 State Police count:  
This year 2,091  
last year 2,420

## Christmas Spirit Thrives Salvation Army Gives, Receives Much Help

Christmas brings a multiplicity of activities to the Salvation Army, said Major Walt Winters, commander of the citadel in Benton Harbor.

Along with regular emergency services, the Salvation Army is extending

Christmas charity to scores of worthy persons and getting a lot of help in doing it, Major Winters said.

Monday night, the Benton Harbor Kiwanis club manned the Army's traditional kettles and rang the bells to the tune of \$545.79. The Kiwanians were assisted by members of the Benton Harbor high school Key club in making the appeal at business places.

The Kiwanians' campaign brought the Army's Christmas income to \$5,462.33.

Other groups also have contributed goods and services. Major Winters cited a Cub pack from Brown school, St. Joseph, which rang bells to raise funds, and another Cub pack from Hollywood school, Lakeshore, which collected a large amount of clothing and groceries.

Major Winters said the

Pioneer Golden Agers were not content to be the recipients of gifts and a party but also contributed generously to the Army's program.

"The generosity of the people in the Benton Harbor—St. Joseph area continues, enabling the Salvation Army to meet emergency needs, and its program of Christmas aid to the elderly and needy," explained Major Winters.

#### RETAILERS OPTIMISTIC

DETROIT (AP)—The Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce reports that retailers in the area are more optimistic about Christmas sales than they were earlier in the season. The chamber said a step-up in sales began last week and indicates that a previous forecast of a five per cent increase over last year will be exceeded.

### Prisoners Set Fire To Bedding

Berrien sheriff's deputies said two prisoners in the Berrien county jail set fire to their blankets and mattresses yesterday. Deputies doused the fire with an extinguisher and called St. Joseph firemen to use a smoke ejector in the cell block.



**HELPING HAND FROM BHHS SENIORS:** The senior class of Benton Harbor high school thought there was more to being seniors than presenting a play or having a party, so they adopted a class project of collecting food for Christmas baskets for the needy. Through various promotions, the seniors obtained enough for 60 baskets to be distributed today. Packing the food from left around table are Roxey Gast, Barb Onofrio, Johnny Johnson, Vertis McManus, Jr., Sebronnella Howard, and Glenn Coleman, class president. (Staff photo)



## Buchanan Bond Sale Cancelled

### Construction Cost Too High

BUCHANAN — City officials Tuesday cancelled a scheduled sale of \$475,000 worth of bonds to help finance a required \$1 million sewage treatment plant expansion.

Four bids received for the bond sale were not opened at a special meeting of the city commission because of the jump in construction costs revealed Dec. 7 when construction bids were opened.

City Manager Robert Faulhaber said a new bond sale would probably be held in February or March. The amount would be increased to about \$650,000, he indicated, to offset the higher construction figures.

The city has been given until Dec. 31 to get the project under construction. The plan to expand the plant to handle secondary waste treatment. The state has already awarded the city a \$450,000 grant to help the financing.

Faulhaber said the new bond sale would require adoption by the city, legal advertisement and approval of the state Municipal Finance commission before it could be held.

The city official said the city plans on awarding the construction contract for the work by the state imposed deadline.

Engineers for the project, the Clyde E. Williams firm of South Bend, are reviewing the proposals to see if they can be cut.

The apparent low bid of \$1,265,952 was submitted by the Solitt construction company, South Bend.

Originally, cost estimates had been in the \$800,000 neighborhood. City officials have indicated they would seek additional state and federal grant funds to help offset the increases.

## Three Will Head Drive In Berrien

### March Of Dimes Gets Underway In January

A team of three young businessmen will head the 1971 Berrien County March of Dimes campaign.

The co-chairmen are Dale Kreitner, Coloma; Robert Baldwin, Stevensville; and Barry Borst, Niles, all executives with La Salle Federal Savings and Loan association. Their appointments were announced by Robert P. McMullen, St. Joseph postmaster and chairman of the Berrien County March of Dimes Chapter.

The county campaign will run Jan. 3 through Jan. 31. The National Foundation through the March of Dimes spearheads the battle to prevent birth defects. Last year, more than \$27,000 was raised in Berrien county to support national, state and local programs.

Kreitner, manager of the Coloma branch of La Salle Federal Savings and Loan association, has participated in the March of Dimes for three years and recently was elected treasurer of the Berrien county chapter. A graduate of Western Michigan university, he and his wife, Jean, are the parents of two children.

Baldwin, a native of Bridgman and member of a well known family, is assistant vice president of LaSalle Federal Savings in the Bridgman office. He is a graduate of Michigan State university and treasurer of the Bridgman Chamber of Commerce. Baldwin and his wife, Judith, have a 10-month old son.

Borst, a newly elected Niles township trustee, is an assistant vice president at LaSalle's Buchanan headquarters. He and his wife, Gayle, have two children. Borst has been active in barber shop quartet groups and is an avid horseman.

Chairman McMullen said that volunteers interested in helping with the campaign can contact the three co-chairmen or the chapter's executive secretary Andrew Novikoff at Berrien county courthouse or his home, 429-5981.

National honorary chairman of this year's campaign is golf pro Arnold Palmer.

**SMOOTHEST OPERATION**  
DETROIT (AP)—The Detroit post office, which will handle 200 million pieces of Christmas mail this season, is experiencing what a top official calls "probably the smoothest Christmas operation we've experienced."



DALE KREITNER



ROBERT BALDWIN



BARRY BORST

## Library Closing For Holidays At Eau Claire

EAU CLAIRE — Miss Virginia Dillon, librarian of the district library here, said the service will be closed Thursday night, Friday and Saturday because of the Christmas holiday. The same schedule will be observed over the New Year's holiday period also, she said.

## Diplomas Awarded At WMU

KALAMAZOO — A dozen Southwestern Michigan area students were among 280 persons receiving advanced degrees from Western Michigan university at December commencement exercises.

They are Rexalee Ann Goecker, St. Joseph; Carol A. Howard, Benton Harbor; Joyce Ann Thomas and Rita E. Tibbs, Coloma; Leonard S. Standen and Carolyn May Grubbs, Berrien Springs; William R. Warren, Niles; Alvin J. Ransom, Bangor; Bernice G. Andre, Gobles; Charles Dunham and Beverly K. Britt, Lawton; and James M. McNellis, Paw Paw.

Miss Tibbs was awarded a master of science degree in librarianship. All the others earned master of arts degrees.

**Students Give Up Holidays**  
EAST LANSING (AP)—Three Michigan State University students are giving up their Christmas holidays at home to serve as hosts for the annual MSU Adventure in World Understanding.

They are spending Christmas week at MSU with students from 34 foreign countries attending some 40 American colleges and universities.

The foreign students are housed on the East Lansing campus.

They are touring local industries, farms, community and government-sponsored projects, meeting community leaders and will spend some time over Christmas with typical area families to observe American culture.

The student volunteers and all have been active in community youth programs.

They are Bernard Wilson of Monroe, an assistant resident hall advisor; Mary Jane Robb of Fowlerville, who has spent eight years in 4-H Club work, and Sandra Waldorf of Brodick, Cal., a graduate student in personnel counseling.

**SUPPORT POLLUTION FIGHT**  
DETROIT (AP)—The United Auto Workers has endorsed a proposed Detroit ordinance that would prohibit the sale of high phosphate detergents in Detroit after July 1.

Today's operations include manufacture of paperboard, used in container plants to make shipping containers.

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Kuebler said that no personnel changes are planned and that only small expansion work would be undertaken in 1971. Presently the entire plant is undergoing extensive equipment relocation.

Kuebler said Twin Cities Container will pick up new business and add new markets as a result of the change.



**ARTIST'S GIFT:** Sign painter Charles A. Irvin, Coloma, created this portrait as his Christmas gift to Congregational United Church of Christ, Coloma, where he attends. Pastor John R. Lepke said the painting will be displayed until after Jan. 5. Measuring more than six feet high and five feet wide, the portrait is illuminated at night. Rev. Lepke said that the portrait is painted in such a manner that from any angle the eyes appear to be looking back at the viewer, following as passers-by cross in front of the church. (Staff photo)

## Phone Service Draws Protest

### Van Buren Commission Gets 'Busy Signal'

PAW PAW — Van Buren's county board of commissioners, which has received a busy signal the last several weeks from General Telephone company, got their call through Tuesday morning.

Telephone company representatives were half a room away so there was no busy signal and little to confuse the fact that commissioners are unhappy with a telephone system the company installed in the courthouse last May.

The commissioners, sounding like impatient telephone operators, suggested that the company study again the possible systems for the courthouse.

Two company officials agreed. **MORE ECONOMICAL?** The latest system would be more economical and more efficient, commissioners recalled they had been told.

Neither promise has been fulfilled, they told telephone company officials.

For this year, \$10,000 had been appropriated for the telephone account. As of December, according to statistics from the county clerk's office, \$16,359 has been spent.

Commissioner John Tapper of Paw Paw said he had tried to contact telephone company officials to complain about the

service and to arrange a meeting with county commissioners.

**NO FOLLOW-UP**  
William Taft, commissioner from South Haven, added: "I don't think enough of a study was made by your organization. There was no follow-up after the machinery was installed."

And on top of that, Taft told telephone company representatives, "... We didn't have any communications with your company."

Up until last May, nearly every county office in the courthouse had a separate number.

The new system funnels most calls through a switchboard operator in the county clerk's office.

**Guns, Radios Are Stolen At Dowagiac**  
DOWAGIAC — City police said someone broke into The Fair Men's Store, South Front street, Tuesday night and stole five large caliber rifles, ammunition, and several radios.

Police said the thieves forced a back door of the store. The door was found standing ajar shortly after midnight today during a routine check by police.

Store officials are checking to determine if anything else is missing.

**Berrien Springs Branch Office To Be Closed**  
BERRIEN SPRINGS — The secretary of state branch office in Berrien Springs will close for a Christmas holiday at noon Thursday according to branch manager LaVern Kesterke.

Mrs. Kesterke said the branch's normal schedule will be resumed at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 29.

## Ambulance Fund Is Transferred

### Sheriff Gets \$45,000

By STEVE McQUOWN  
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren county commissioners, wrapping up the last of county business for 1970, approved by a 10-4 vote the transfer of all \$45,000 from an ambulance fund to the sheriff's department general fund.

Opponents of the transfer said they feared cost accounting would be lost when the ambulance funds were mixed with other funds for the sheriff's department.

Voting against the transfer were William S. Taft and Donald Goodwillie, Sr., of South Haven; Frank Kolesar, Covert; and Donald Hanson of rural Decatur.

Gerald Rendel of Gobles was absent.

Commissioner John Tapper revealed that part of the ambulance allocation will go towards a proposed \$300 yearly increase for deputies who operate ambulances, and also towards the hiring of new manpower.

"As far as I can determine, the manpower is going up to 26 deputies. I don't see why we are making an issue of it," Tapper said.

Taft countered by saying: "I want a better accounting of the ambulance fund. Look at the food bill (for prisoners) over there (at the jail)." Taft was referring to the cost of feeding prisoner so far in 1970.

The budget had allocated \$26,000 for prisoner board. As of Dec. 18, according to records in the county clerk's office, the prisoner food cost has been \$39,691, or about \$13,691 over the allocation.

Sheriff Richard Stump told commissioners in October, and again in November, before the ambulance service was accepted by the sheriff's department, that he wanted a five-day work week for his present staff of 19 deputies, and that he would need more manpower, not only for the shortened work week, but to operate the ambulance service.

Deputies are now working about six days per week.

Goodwillie expressed confidence after the vote that the "mechanical propositions" of accounting could be worked out with the sheriff's department.

In other action, the commissioners:

— Set Jan. 5 as the date for the board's reorganizational meeting where a chairman for 1971 will be elected.

— Appointed James Overhuel of Antwerp Township as county civil defense director replacing Clarence Bonter who asked to be relieved because of business obligations.

— Hired the Orkin exterminating company of Kalamazoo.

**Democrats Will Convene At Niles**  
Berrien county Democrats will convene at Niles Holiday Inn Jan. 9 to elect 32 delegates and 32 alternates to the district caucus and state convention.

Atty. Tai Parrish, outgoing county chairman, said the convention will be at 8 p.m. The Fourth Congressional district caucus will be Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Arts building at Southwestern Michigan college, Dowagiac. The state convention is slated Feb. 13-14 at Grand Rapids.

**HARTFORD**  
HARTFORD—Glen R. Robinson, assistant chief of police here, has resigned his duties effective Friday to enter private business.

He will continue working for the city police department on a part-time basis. He said Police Chief Neil Tesko had named another part time officer, Gerald Hoadley of Hartford, the assistant's position.

Robinson has accepted a job as plant guard at Auto Specialties Manufacturing plant near Hartford.

mazoo to kill pigeon at the courthouse. Cost over the next year, \$214.

— At a county employee Christmas luncheon at DiJuancos, gave to three departing commissioners plaques as a token of gratitude for the time the three served on the board.

The three, are Charles Stein and Alfred Erny, of South Haven, and Earl Poulter of

Hartford. All three were defeated in the November election.

— Gave a plaque to Stump as a token of the board's thanks for the participation of the sheriff's posse in contributing \$500 towards the construction of building at the youth fair grounds near Lawrence.

The building is to be used by law enforcement officers when the fair grounds are in use.

**HEAR YE, HEAR YE:** Former Berrien Sheriff Henry Griese (right), retiring Dec. 31 after 33 years as a county lawman and court officer, gives replacement Luke L. Terry pointers on rapping Berrien circuit court into session. (Staff photo)

**Griese Retires After 33 Years**  
Former Berrien Sheriff Plans To Fish, Golf

By BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Former Sheriff Henry (Hank) Griese will wind up a 33-year career as a county lawman and court officer, on Dec. 31 by retiring as Berrien circuit court bailiff at age 66.

A St. Joseph native, Griese joined the Berrien sheriff's department in 1928 as a fee deputy under the late Fred Bryant, then became a regular deputy in 1941.

Since then he has been a night jailer, turnkey, radio dispatcher, uniformed patrolman, chief deputy, undersheriff, and sheriff for a total of 31 years active in the department. He served as sheriff from 1957 through 1968.

Since 1968 Griese has been a deputized court bailiff to Circuit Judge Julian Hughes.

**EX-DISHWASHER**  
Griese recalls his first job, at age 9, was washing dishes at the old Palace of Sweets in downtown St. Joseph. That job, with advancements, lasted several years and was followed by a like period as a salesman and buyer for Fette and Rutkoskie clothiers in St. Joseph. Then came the sheriff's department. The department had about

eight men, too few to routinely patrol the roads, and no radios when he joined. So deputies sat at the department headquarters waiting for trouble calls to arrive by telephone. One-way radios were counted as a big advancement in about the 1940s. They were followed by two-way radios which have been updated and improved since.

The department has grown from the original handful of men, too, and now numbers 70 in all job categories.

**WILL FISH, GOLF**  
Griese describes himself as a "former golf nut" and says he and his wife, Isabelle, may spend winters in Florida and warm months at their home at 184 Lormar avenue, Fairplain, so they can fish and golf year-round.

This week, Griese has been training his replacement, Luke L. Terry, 56, of 2202 Wilson court, St. Joseph, a bailiff the past two years in Fifth district court.

Visitors to Judge Hughes' courtroom may continue to see Griese even after the first of the year. He will be available as a substitute bailiff.

Another circuit court bailiff of retirement age, Anthony Klute, is expected to remain in Judge Chester J. Byrns' court until a replacement is available next spring.

**Glass Broken; TV Stolen**  
NILES — A thief smashed through the plate glass show window at Vincent Ward TV Sales in Eastgate shopping center here early today and made off with a \$300 portable television set. State police of the Niles post discovered the broken window at 2:20 a.m. Nothing else appeared to have been taken, troopers said.

## Wisconsin Firm Will Buy Rest Of Twin City Container Stock

COLOMA — Twin Cities Container corporation will soon become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Menasha corporation of Neenah, Wis.

Joseph P. Kuebler, vice president and general manager of the Coloma-based operation, made the announcement Tuesday. He said, "The Menasha corporation has agreed in principal to purchase the balance of the Twin Cities Container corporation stock."

According to Kuebler, the Menasha corporation presently holds 50 per cent of the stock, and soon will acquire the rest from the Green Bay Packing corporation of Green Bay, Wis.

The Menasha corporation is the outgrowth of a small wooden pallet company which began manufacturing in 1940.

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